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Oronogo Flower

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Terms: Cash with order. No charge for packing. Purchaser pays express, except as noted. Be sure to name your express office. If no express office, shipment will be C.O.D. for the amount of the postage.

As my bulbs and plants are beyond my control when they leave my hands, no guarantee goes with them, but I take extreme pains to have them healthy and true to name.

Missouri customers will please add two per cent to the amount of the order, on account of the state sales tax.

As I no longer have warehouse facilities, I must fill orders from the field. Also, as I do not expect to replant, I sell the bulbs ungraded, large and small, as they dig, not by count, but by weight and measure. No one can know beforehand how the bulbs will dig. In bulk they are mainly of blooming size: in numbers, of younger sizes. These smaller bulbs, like baby chicks, are worth growing.

I have tried to set my prices so that the purchaser will receive more than the standard value of his money in blooming bulbs, with the smaller bulbs as gratis value. Have your friends join you in a bulk order. A lot of bulbs for the money.

NARCISSUS BULBS

At 60c per pound of a variety: Mixture, Golden Sceptre, Buttercup, Croesus, Sir Watkin, Flamingo.

At \$1.00 per pound of a variety: Bernardino, Cassandra, Bath's Flame.

At \$1.25 per pound of a variety: Thelma, Goldfinch, Olympia.

At \$1.50 per pound of a variety: Silver Star, King Alfred, Red Beacon, Lady Hillingdon, Double Campernelle.

At \$2.00 per pound of a variety: Buttonhole, Dosoris, Greenheart.

At 60c per half-pound of a variety: Pedestal, Tullus Hostilius.

At 50c per quarter-pound of a variety: "Yellow Biflorus" (probably Narcissus Gracilis), Minerva, Masterpiece, Sirdar, poetaz Helios.

At 75c per quarter-pound of a variety: Will Scarlet, Campernelle Rugulosus.

Per bulb of a variety, postpaid, 25c. At least one good blooming bulb of the variety with additional smaller bulbs to give good value for the variety.

To the list of varieties in my bulbs-by-the-bushel sheet, the blue one, please add, "Flamingo, star-shaped flower, yellow, with red-tinged cup. Tall. Early."

Hemerocallis, **Queen of May**. Bright yellow, early midseason, fragrant. 30¢, 4 for \$1.00, 25 for \$4.00, postpaid. 100 or more at \$8.00 per 100, purchaser to pay express.

After narcissi have bloomed, the foliage should be allowed to remain on the bulbs until, by the loss of its green color, it shows the bulbs have ripened. It is the leaves of a plant that feed it, and their removal before they have completed their work weakens the plant.

Digging, if to be done, may be at once, when the leaves have lost their color, or may be delayed until later, but should be done by the time fall has definitely arrived.

Narcissi need not be dug, but may remain undisturbed, for years, so long as overcrowding does not prevent their blooming.

On home grounds, replanting, if possible, should be at once. Early planting is advisable, both for better bloom and for better bulbs, with larger increase.

Bulbs should not be allowed to lie in the sun when digging, when planting, or at any other time. Storage should be cool, dry, and well ventilated.

Very late planting should be deep, and mulched. If a zero freeze should come, and the bulbs be frozen in the ground before new roots are well established, the bulbs will be killed. After they have been planted a couple of weeks, the need of mulch is over.

Bulbs like a clean, firm soil, free of trash or litter. There should be no manure in the soil with the bulbs. It can be scattered on top of the ground above the bulbs. In such a soil my plan is to plant to a depth of about four inches to the shoulder of the bulb. Farther north, another inch might be better. Any soil good for potatoes and onions is good for narcissi.

Narcissi thrive in full sun and partial shade. The soil should be constantly moist, but the bulbs can stand dry soil through the summer, while naturally dormant. Planting close to a foundation usually is not good, close to a south wall, especially.

A bushel of cured bulbs weighs right at forty pounds: freshly dug, a little more, maybe up to four pounds more.